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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 21, 2009, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on August 21, 2009. Accompanying this response is a two-month Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for Extension of Time setting a new time for response of October 21, 2009. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.